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REVISED KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 22 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-22-13

There will be a <u>48-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the **Alitak District** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section, from 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 19 to 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 21.
- The Moser Bay Section, from 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 21.
- The Alitak Bay Section, from 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 21: and
- The Cape Alitak Section from 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 20 to 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 21.

The Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.), of the Afognak District, will <u>open</u> to commercial salmon fishing at <u>noon</u> Friday, July 19 and remain open until further notice.

The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing **at noon Saturday, July 20** and will remain **open until further notice.**

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Monday July 22** in the **Mainland District** (except the Wide Bay Section remains closed and Cape Igvak Section is open until 12:01 a.m. Sunday July 21).

There will be an <u>81-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23** in the following areas:

- The Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The **Afognak District**, (except the Outer Kitoi, and Inner Kitoi Bay sections remain closed, the Duck Bay Section is open until further notice, and the northern portion of the Izhut Bay Section opens at noon July 19);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section which is open until further notice):
- The Northeast Kodiak District, and
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**.

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Dakavak Bay</u>, <u>Outer Kukak Bay</u>, <u>Hallo Bay</u>, and <u>Big River sections</u> of the <u>Mainland District</u> and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Northwest Afognak</u> and <u>Shuyak Island sections</u> of the Afognak District will remain <u>closed until further notice</u>.

As Previously Announced:

There will be a <u>48-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period in the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District from 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 19 to 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 21.

The following areas remain **open until further notice**:

- The Inner Ugak Bay Section of the Eastside Kodiak District;
- The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.
- At Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415), Hearst Creek (stream # 259-414), and Rough Creek (stream # 259-416) in Saltery Cove to the stream terminus of each stream, for commercial salmon fishing.
- In Chiniak Bay, for subsistence fishing, at the Buskin River (stream# 259-211) at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

To ensure Chinook (king) salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District bounded by the latitude of Spruce Cape and the latitude of Termination Point until <u>August 1, 2013</u> king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.

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